

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2004, 1, 2, 8 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are in the case. The Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the present application.

The Office Action objected to the Abstract as containing more than 150 words.

The Applicants have amended the Abstract to contain less than 150 words to overcome this objection.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Jystad (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,469).

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Applicants respectfully submit that Jystad does not disclose all of the claimed features in the independent claims. For example, the independent claims of the Applicants' claimed invention includes defining, by a user during installation of the software package, a specified period of time related to de-installation of the software package. Also, claim 2 includes automatically setting the specified period of time as a predefined expiration date of the software package. In contrast, Jystad disclose "automatically de-installing the application module comprises automatically de-installing the application module if the application module failed to function properly a predetermined number of times." This is very different from the Applicants' claimed invention which is not based on a predetermined number of times the application fails, but instead a specified period of time.

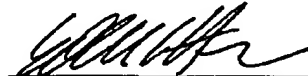
Next, the Examiner argued that Jystad disclose "the first software module enables tools and utilities to run at an appropriate time." However, this is very different from the Applicants' "defining, by a user during installation of the software package, a specified period of time related to de-installation of the software package." This is because in Jystad, "the first software module facilitates the launching of one or more executable programs prior to the loading, booting,

execution and/or running of the OS", and not defining a user specified period of time for de-installation, like the Applicants' claimed invention. Hence, since the cited reference does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention, the reference cannot anticipate the claims. As such, the Applicants' respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 should be withdrawn.

With regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03).

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the subject application are in immediate condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at **(818) 885-1575**.

Respectfully submitted,
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